

A.L.R.C. WOMEN'S ALLIANCE TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION
Chicago, Illinois

Vysniauskas, who delivered an interesting and appropriate sermon. Mrs. Stephen Biezis, wife of our Medical Examiner, was the soloist.

Being typical convention hostesses Chapter 20 made arrangements for the delegates to enjoy their leisure moments in various ways. There was a "get-acquainted" evening, church services, meals on the premises, a trip to Holy Family Villa and a banquet for the delegates, all of which left indelible memories to those taking part.

Elected to the Convention presidium were: Chairman — Mrs. Frances Bacinskas (Mass.); Vice-Chairman — Mrs. Jadvyga Cepulis (Ill.); Secretary — Mrs. Albina Driza (Mich.); Assistant Secretary — Miss Sophia Bartkus (both from Ill.).

There were a number of changes in the Supreme Board: elected to the presidency was Mrs. Frances Bacinskas of Massachusetts, Mrs. Mary Srupsa was elected I Vice-Pres., and Mrs. Sophie Dirzius — II Vice-Pres. (both from Ill.).

With the resignation of Supreme Secretary Mrs. Albina Poska, Mrs. Mary Vaiciunas assumed the position of Supreme Secretary, a position she held earlier for 25 years. Remaining as Supreme Treasurer was Mrs. Helen Statkus. Mrs. E. Paurazas remained as Supreme Trustee and acquired a new help-mate, Miss V. Galnaitis. Mrs. S. Sakalas remained at her post as Editor of "Moterų Dirva".

The convention's choice, Rev. P. Juskaitis (Cambridge, Mass.), for Supreme Chaplain, received official sanction from the Lithuanian Priests' League.

State Directors: Conn. — Mrs. M. Kedis; Ill. — Mrs. M. Paukstis; Mass., Maine and N.H. — Mrs. T. Mazeika; Mich. — Miss A. Kase; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. S. Strazdas; Ohio — Mrs. J. Cepas; Pa. — Mrs. J. Tamanauskas.

Literary Committee: Miss V. Galnaitis, Mrs. B. Cicenas and Miss J. Carp.

Grievance Committee: Mrs. M. Delionis, Mrs. K. Sriubas and Mrs. J. Salasevicius.

Delegates to the A.L.R.C. Federation: Mrs. T. Mazeika and Mrs. S. Barvitz.

Medical Advisor: Dr. S. Biezis.

Legal Advisor: Mr. Konstant J. Savickus, Attorney-at-law.

1950 — A Stronger Pulse

During the preceding years, the Alliance's decision to concentrate on American-born women, began to show results. New names appeared on the pages of "Moterų Dirva"; the energetic efforts of the new-comers put new life into many otherwise weakened chapters, districts and on the Supreme Board. New points of view jarred the organization of a routine existance and seemed to lift it from a peaceful dusk to a shining dawn.

More and more Lithuanian new-comers accepted the Alliance's invitation to join the organization and work together for God and Country.

A new group — Chapter 4, was organized in Sommerville, Mass. with 22 members, bringing the year 1950 to a successful close.

TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

"The heart of an organization is its convention; it is a means of new life, therefore, it is well to prepare wisely for it... To do this, we must bring to the convention the desires and needs of our chapters, good motions which will benefit the organization as a whole. Then, working together harmoniously, we will be building a strong future. As the convention is the heart of the organization, good motions are arteries, through which the life-sustaining blood flows..." So, in part, wrote Mrs. Genevieve Kaneb, Chapter 5, a member of the convention committee, as she urged all chapters to attend the convention well-prepared. Hostesses for the 24th convention were the members of Chapter 5, Worcester, Mass., who chose the beautiful home and grounds of the Immaculate Conception Sisters in Putnam, Conn. as the convention site.

The convention took place August 20-23, 1951. Its committee was comprised chiefly of young, American-born women with backgrounds of experience working with non-Lithuanian organizations, however, several pioneers of the organization were included and contributed much of their matured judgement.

The convention program was well-planned and exemplary in every respect. The concentrated efforts clearly laid the way for more highly organized assemblies in the future.

Elected to the presidium were: Chairman — Mrs. Matilda Paulukonis,